

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-29 were originally submitted.

No claims are canceled.

Claims 23-26 have been previously amended.

Claims 30-39 have been added in a previous response.

Claims 1-39 remain in this application.

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 10, 15, 21-22, 26-30, 32-33, 36, and 39 are currently amended.

The declaration filed 6/17/2003 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been accepted to overcome the cited reference U.S. Patent 6,219,653 to O'Neill et al.

Examiner Douglas Blair and Emmanuel A. Rivera conducted a telephone interview on January 13, 2004 as to amendments to overcome the rejections listed below. Mr. Rivera faxed a proposed set of Claim Amendments to Examiner Blair which is represented as the current claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper. Examiner Blair presented the proposed set of Claim Amendments to his Primary Examiner, and Mr. Rivera received a call back indicating that the proposed set would overcome the rejections below.

**35 U.S.C. §102**

**Claims 1, 3, 8, 30, and 32**

**Claims 1, 3, 8, 30 and 32** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,812,669 to Jenkins et al (Jenkins). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

1 **Claims 1-11, 13-17 and 19-29**

2       **Claims 1-11, 13-17 and 19-29** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being  
3 anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,490,567 to Gregory et al (Gregory). Applicants  
4 respectfully traverse the rejection.

5 **35 U.S.C. §103**

6 **Claims 12 and 18**

7       **Claims 12 and 18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being  
8 unpatentable over Gregory in view of U.S. Patent 6,466,490 to Mills et al (Mills).  
9 Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

10 **Claims 31 and 33-39**

11       **Claims 31 and 33-39** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being  
12 unpatentable over Jenkins in view of Gregory. Applicants respectfully traverse the  
13 rejection.

1 **CONCLUSION**

2 All pending **claims 1-39** are in condition for allowance. Applicant  
3 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject  
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the  
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent  
6 Action.

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